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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 AND 1.143

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2001, setting forth a requirement for restriction and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-33, 35 and 40-41, directed to Il-16 antagonist peptides, nucleic acids encoding Il-16 antagonist peptides, and pharmaceutical compositions. Furthermore, Applicants provisionally elect SEQ ID NO: 2 in response to the Examiner's requirement for species election.

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